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SUBJ: NORWAY EXPELS SOVIET DIPLOMAT

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1. A THIRD SECRETARY IN THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN OSLO HAS BEEN DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA IN THE WAKE OF THE JUST-COMPLETED ESPIONAGE TRIAL OF OLE MARTIN HOISTAD. FOREIGN MINISTER DAGFINN VAARVIK DELIVERED A " SHARP PROTEST" TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 11 AND INFORMED HIM OF THE DECISION TO EXPEL SOVIET DIPLOMAT YURIY VASILEVICH POLYUSHKIN.

2. VAARVIK'S PROTEST AND THE PNG' ING OF POLYUSHKIN ENDED THE GROWING PUZZLEMENT AS TO WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE AS A RESULT OF HOISTAD'S CONFESSION LAST NOVEMBER THAT HE HAD TURNED OVER CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS TO THE SOVIETS AND, WHILE ON GUARD DUTY AT THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW IN AUGUST 1972, HAD ADMITTED UNCLASSIFIED

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FOUR KGB AGENTS TO THE EMBASSY FOR EXTENSIVE EXAMINATION OF THE EMBASSY' S CODE ROOM AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. HOISTAD WAS SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT ON APRIL 4, AND THE NORWEGIAN COURT RELEASED A 30- PAGE OPINION IN THE CASE ON APRIL 10. THE NORWEGIAN ACTION WAS THUS BASED ON, AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED, THE PUBLISHED FINDINGS OF THE COURT, WHICH INCLUDED THE INFORMATION THAT POLYUSHKIN HAD MET WITH HOISTAD IN OSLO SEVERAL TIMES IN THE FALL OF 1971 AND SPRING OF 1972. ONE NEWSPAPER NOTES THAT THE POLICE ASSUME POLYUSHKIN TO BE AN AGENT OF THE KGB.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER' S PROTEST, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, WAS DIRECTED TOWARD " THE CRUDE VIOLATIONS OF THE (NORWEGIAN) EMBASSY' S IMMUNITY AND FREEDOM OF COMMUNICATIONS... WHICH ARE CLEARLY IN CONFLICT WITH THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OF 18 APRIL 1961, ESPECIALLY ARTICLES 22 AND 27." VAARVIK FURTHER PROTESTED THE FACT THAT " AN EMPLOYEE OF THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO PRESSURE OF THIS SORT FROM THE SIDE OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES." CROWE

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